

Citizens On Patrol

Citizens On Patrol is a volunteer organization sponsored by the Cibola Police Department

THIS PROGRAM PROVIDES THE COMMUNITY WITH MORE RESOURCES TO COMBAT CRIME IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD. TOGETHER WITH LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT, THIS PROGRAM EDUCATES CITIZENS HOW TO DETERMINE IF SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY IS OCCURRING AND HOW REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY. THROUGH THE USE OF POLICE SCENARIOS AND EXERCISES, THE CITIZEN WILL LEARN HOW TO GIVE DISPATCH CONCISE INFORMATION TO ASSIST IN A SUCCESSFUL DETENTION OF A SUBJECT OR SUBJECTS. THE OBJECT OF THIS PROGRAM IS TO BE PROACTIVE INSTEAD OF REACTIVE. MEMBERS WILL BE TRAINED ON HOW TO GIVE GOOD DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION AND TO USE THEIR CELLULAR PHONES TO CONTACT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO ASSIST IN THE AGENCIES PREEMPTIVE RESPONSE TO POSSIBLE CRIMINAL ACTIVITY.

THROUGH THE USE OF "EYES AND EARS OF THE COP PROGRAM", THE POLICE ARE ABLE TO TAKE PROACTIVE ACTION IN IDENTIFYING SUSPECTS THAT MAY BE IN THE INITIAL STAGES OF A CRIME, RATHER THAN RESPONDING AFTER A CRIME HAS BEEN PERMITTED. COP MEMBERS WILL ALSO BE AFFORDED THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN A PATROL RIDE ALONG FOR UP TO AN EIGHT HOUR SHIFT. THE COP MEMBER WILL OBSERVE THE PATROL OFFICER PERFORM EVERYDAY DUTIES SUCH AS TRAFFIC STOPS, TRAFFIC CONTROL, CRIME PREVENTION AND HOW THE OFFICER RESPONDS TO DIFFERENT CALLS FOR SERVICE. EVERY CALL IS DIFFERENT AND THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE COP MEMBER TO OBSERVE HOW THE OFFICER HANDLES EVERY SITUATION. THIS EXPERIENCE WILL ASSIST THE CITIZEN INTO UNDERSTANDING HOW THEY CAN HELP THE COMMUNITY BY HELPING THEIR OFFICERS. A SECOND CLASS AFTER THE RIDE ALONG EXPERIENCE WILL DEBRIEF THE COP MEMBER AND ALLOW THEM TO SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCES WITH OTHER MEMBERS.

THE COP PROGRAM IS JUST ONE OF THE VOLUNTEERS IN POLICING PROGRAMS THAT WILL BE IMPLEMENTED THIS YEAR. VIPS WILL ALSO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN OTHER PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS SUCH AS THE THANKSGIVING DRIVES, BLUE SANTA, NATIONAL NIGHT OUT, THE CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY AND A VOLUNTEER DISASTER RESPONSE TEAM.

OUR HOPE IS TO BRING THE COMMUNITY AND THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TOGETHER THROUGH EDUCATION AND SOLIDARITY. THE POLICE DEPARTMENT ALSO WISHES TO LEARN FROM THEIR CITIZENS TO PROVIDE A SAFE AND SECURE ENVIRONMENT THAT AN ENHANCES QUALITY OF LIFE FOR THE COMMUNITY THROUGH COMMUNITY-ORIENTATED POLICING AND

WE WILL HAVE FUN TOO !!!

Cibolo Police Department Community Policing Initiatives

The Cibolo Police Department creating partnerships with the community,

empowering its citizens with the knowledge and skills necessary

to work toward a crime free city.

CITIZENS ON PATROL

Application Form

Through your Neighborhood Association, City Council representative, and the Cibolo Police Department, you can be an asset to your police department by becoming a member of a neighborhood based group, Citizens On Patrol (COP). This crime watch program will consist of responsible citizens that have received training and are using their skills to curb crime in their community. To become involved with COP, you must attend two separate two hour classes, scheduled approximately one week apart, totaling four hours training. You also have the opportunity to ride along with a police officer for up to ten hours. Affiliation with a neighborhood association is not required. For more information about the COP program, please call your Police Department at 659-1999 or email us at

NAME (Last, First,
MI) _____

ADDRESS _____

ZIP _____

PHONE _____

DOB _____

TEXAS

DL _____

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION/ COP
GROUP _____

In case of emergency, notify:

Name and
relationship _____
Phone _____

Address _____ City _____
_____ State/ZIP _____

Allergies to
medications _____

Your acceptance into the Citizens On Patrol program is dependent on several factors. 1. Must complete a four hour training session. 2. You agree to follow the training programs guidelines. 3. You will not hold the Cibolo Police Department/City responsible for any injuries to you or damage to your property. While not required, an eight hour riding time with patrol officer in your neighborhood is strongly suggested.

Signature _____
_____ Date _____

Please return or FAX this completed application to your Police Department at 662
Loop 539 E Cibolo, Texas 78108 or Fax# 210-659-1080.